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NOVEMBER 16

The Animals Nobody Loved – Coyotes, rattlesnakes, and mustangs–feared and hunted by some, loved and protected by others. 1975 Cine Golden Eagle winner.

NOVEMBER 23

Is Illinois More Than Corn and Beans? – An introductory overview to the natural regions of Illinois and its varied fauna. Presented by Dr. Everett D. Cashatt, Curator of Zoology at the Illinois State Museum, this is the first in a series of five lectures titled **The Living World of Illinois.** Dr. Cashatt will additionally consider some of the more common and unusual insects, spiders, and snakes, and he will discuss some of the more frequently asked questions–and provide their answers.

DECEMBER 7

Springfield 35 Camera Club presents **West of Spain lies Portugal,** narrated by Ralph Lindner. Portugal, although a small country in area, is great in hospitality, color, and charm. Here, the white-washed fishing villages and the sun-blessed beaches contrast with the thoroughly modern cities. Old ways, always nearby, add to the charm for the visiting photographer.

DECEMBER 14

The Mighty Mammals of Illinois – A discussion by Dr. James R. Purdue, Curator of Zoology at the Illinois State Museum, the second in **The Living World of Illinois** lecture series, of the more interesting large mammals that once inhabited and presently live in Illinois. Included is the history, distribution, status, and life history of the deer, bison, elk, wolf, bear, mountain lion, and coyote.

JANUARY 4

Springfield 35 Camera Club presents **Arizona, Land of Sun,** narrated by Helen and A. J. Browning. The beauty of this land of the Navajo, from desert to mountains, will be depicted in both spring and fall through the cameras of these two present-day nomads. Included will be Indian ruins, the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest, wild flowers, and the majestic wonder of the Grand Canyon.

JANUARY 11

The Hidden World – Take a journey into the minute and awesome world of insects. A 1966 Cine Golden Eagle Award winner.

JANUARY 18

Gliders in the Dark – Ms. Nancy Wells, Associate Curator at the Illinois State Museum, in the third of **The Living World of Illinois** lecture series, will discuss the natural history of flying squirrels and talk about her experiences with these nocturnal rodents. One of the two kinds of flying squirrels found in North America lives in Illinois. Flying squirrels are best known for their extraordinary ability to glide long distances–up to 300 feet in one recorded case. They are not wary of humans, but a special effort is necessary to enter their nighttime world.

JANUARY 25

Siberia: The Endless Horizon – Travel west in Siberia, where modern cities contrast with Yakut horsemen, and where the Trans-Siberian railroad stretches to the Pacific. A 1969 Cine Golden winner.

FEBRUARY 1

Springfield 35 Camera Club presents **Florence, Italy–Art Capital of the World,** narrated by William Marks Bleakley. Besides being the art capital of the world, Florence is also a mecca for shoppers and young people who revel in the rich repository of history and art. Included in this program are some views of Pisa, the port of Florence on the Arno River.

FEBRUARY 8

Where Did The Colorado Go – The Colorado River used to flow into the ocean, and once there were paddle-wheel steamers that went up the river between California and Arizona for 500 miles to the Nevada border. The changes made by man on this once great river are discussed over motion pictures made from its point of origin in the Rocky Mountains to its terminus in Mexico, where the last of its flow disappears into sand about 20 miles from the sea.

FEBRUARY 15

Eagles in Illinois—Past and Present – This presentation by Dr. Thomas A Dunstan, Professor of Biological Sciences, Western Illinois University, is the fourth in the lecture series, **The Living World of Illinois.** In this lecture, he discusses bald eagle life cycles and conservation methods and techniques. For decades, Illinois has provided migrant wintering bald eagles essential habitat for six months of the year. Prior to the 19th century, breeding pairs frequented areas with available food and nesting habitats. In recent years, hundreds of eagles winter in Illinois, but very few breed. Presently, Illinois hosts about 11 to 13 percent of the wintering bald eagles in the 48 contiguous states providing essential foraging, nesting, and night-roosting habitats. Some of the conservation efforts initiated in Illinois have served as models for use with other populations throughout the lower 48.

FEBRUARY 22

In The Beginning – What has made human beings so special? Famed paleoanthropologist, Richard Leakey helps to answer this question as he walks among the earliest-known fossil beds in the Turkana region of north Kenya in East Africa and explains how mankind's superbly adaptable nature has contributed to our transformation from tree-dwelling, four-footed, vegetarian primates to upright, omnivorous toolmakers. This film is the first in a seven-part documentary series produced by BBC/Time-Life Films.

MARCH 1

Springfield 35 Camera Club presents **Canal Boat to Canada,** narrated by John and Maxine Nolan. The Erie Canal is only one of the waterways used in this journey by boat from Rhode Island into the St. Lawrence Seaway. Along the 12-day, 1300-mile trip, voyagers see tall ships in Manhattan, ascend the historic Hudson River, and visit Montreal and Quebec.

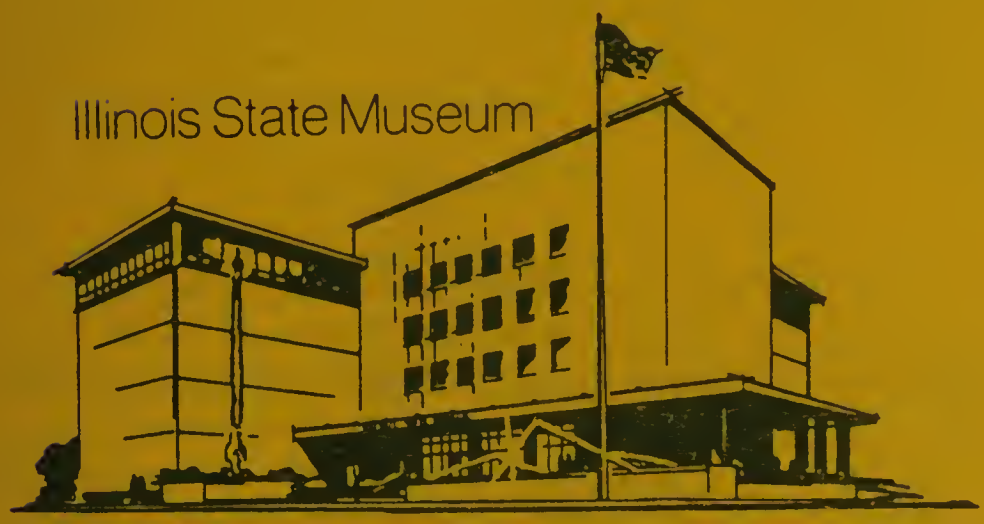
MARCH 8

One Small Step ... Part 2 in the BBC/Time-Life Films with Richard Leakey, this film considers the ability to walk upright a crucial step in the development of humankind. Here we see an exceptional discovery by Richard Leakey's mother, Mary, also an anthropologist. Near Olduvai Gorge, at Laetoli, in north Tanzania in East Africa, she unearthed the oldest human footprints in the world. Made almost four million years ago, the footprints are the

earliest evidence we have of the shift from four legs to two. Also discussed are the famous "Lucy" skeleton, other Ethiopian fossils, and the controversy over the nature of ancient upright creatures.

MARCH 15

The Flowers That Bloom In Spring – Dr. Alfred C. Koelling, Curator of Botany at the Illinois State Museum, will identify some of Illinois's better-known spring wild flowers that are suitable for garden cultivation in this final lecture of **The Living World of Illinois** lecture series. Comments include their natural history, distribution, propagation, and ways to achieve their successful growth in your garden.



There are no programs November 30, December 21 and 28, 1986.

Each program, film or lecture is about one hour in length. **There is no admittance charge to the Museum or the programs.** The Museum is open Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

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